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SUBJECT: ERNIE PYLE MEMORIAL

1. DEPARTMENT OF ARMY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM A MARIE BELT, APPARENTLY AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF HAWAII, EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT FATE OF ERNIE PYLE MEMORIAL ON IE-SHIMA. MS. BELT CLAIMS THAT DURING A RECENT VISIT SHE FOUND THE MEMORIAL COVERED WITH SCRIBBLED JAPANESE WRITING ("OBSCENE KANJI" ACCORDING TO BELT) WHICH SHE REMOVED. SHE ALSO SAID THAT SEVERAL US SERVICEMEN ON OKINAWA TOLD HER THAT AS LAND ON WHICH MEMORIAL STANDS IS UNDER DISPUTE OF SOME SORT, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD REVERT TO A LANDOWNER WHO WOULD WANT MEMORIAL REMOVED. BELT CONTRASTED POOR CONDITION OF PYLE MEMORIAL WITH JAPANESE MEMORIALS IN TTPI AND ELSEWHERE AND PROPOSED TO MOVE THE MEMORIAL, OR AT LEAST ITS BRONZE PLAQUES, TO A
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LOCATION IN US.

2. DEPARTMENT RECALLS THAT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AICHI MADE STATEMENT IN 1971 TO EFFECT THAT GOJ WOULD FACILITATE CARE FOR ERNIE PYLE MEMORIAL BY OKINAWA-AMERICAN LEGION POST AND THAT LATER MUNICIPALITY TOOK OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING: (A)

CURRENT CONDITION OF MEMORIAL; (B) ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARE

AND HOW SATISFACTORY THEY ARE; (C) WHETHER THERE IS ANY
DANGER THAT LAND TRANSFER OF SOME SORT COULD AFFECT
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